**459.20 AUTHORITY OVER PUBLIC WATERS.**

The governing body of any home rule charter or statutory city or town in the state has, with respect to any body of water situated wholly within its boundaries, all the powers to improve and regulate the use of such body of water subject to section 86B.205, subdivision 6, as are conferred on county boards by sections 86B.205 and 103F.801, and to establish and administer lake improvement districts under sections 103B.501 to 103B.581. With respect to any body of water situated wholly within the contiguous boundaries of two or more home rule charter or statutory cities or towns or any combination thereof, the city councils and town boards may, under the provisions of section 471.59, jointly exercise such powers to improve and regulate the use of the body of water subject to section 103F.751, as are conferred on county boards by sections 86B.205 and 103F.801, and to establish and administer lake improvement districts as provided under sections 103B.501 to 103B.581, provided that no home rule charter or statutory city or town may establish and administer a lake improvement district or exercise any of the powers granted in this section if a lake improvement district covering the same territory has been created by a county board under sections 103B.501 to 103B.581. References in sections 86B.205, 103B.501 to 103B.581, and 103F.801 to the county board shall be construed to refer to the governing body of a home rule charter or statutory city or the board of supervisors of a town.

**History:** *1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1973 c 702 s 24; 1975 c 311 s 1; 1978 c 726 s 17; 1986 c 439 s 5; 1986 c 443 s 16,17; 1990 c 391 art 8 s 46*